



**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**  
**Directorate for Biological Sciences**  
**Office of the Assistant Director**

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Dear Colleague:

The Directorate for Biological Sciences (BIO) announces a nationwide search to fill the position of Director, Division of Environmental Biology (DEB).

The Division Director is part of the BIO leadership team and leads the division in managing a broad portfolio of investments in research aimed at understanding the origins, functions, relationships, interactions, and evolutionary history of populations, species, communities, and ecosystems. The Division Director must provide strong advocacy for program activities within the context of BIO long range plans and NSF's strategic plan and managing resources effectively to nurture new and emerging science opportunities as well as ongoing efforts. The Director is expected to provide leadership and work proactively across NSF and in partnership with other Federal and State agencies, private foundations and the academic community.

The Division of Environmental Biology (DEB) is responsible for programs with a total annual budget of approximately \$110 million. These programs are currently identified by two clusters—*Ecological Studies* that supports research on natural and managed ecological systems, primarily in terrestrial, wetland, and freshwater habitats; and *Systematic and Population Biology* that supports research on the patterns and causes of diversity within and among populations and species.

Division Directors in the BIO Directorate come to their positions with an established record of scientific research and demonstrated leadership experience. In addition to having a strong record of research, education, and administrative accomplishments, Division Directors must work well with people, be effective communicators and act as mentors to continuously develop the diversity of talents and skills of their colleagues at all levels. We are particularly interested in attracting women and underrepresented minority candidates. Appointment may be for two or three years on a temporary basis.

You may access the position announcement at [www.nsf.gov/jobs](http://www.nsf.gov/jobs) (under Executive) that includes information about appointment options and application procedures. Appointment may be on a temporary basis in the Federal Senior Executive Service or by temporary assignment from an education or research institution under provisions of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA). The specific arrangement will be determined on an individual basis.

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The Executive and Visiting Personnel Branch may be reached by telephone at  
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Formal consideration of all applications will commence in March 2003 and will continue until a successful candidate has been identified.

Sincerely,

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